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SUBJECT: ATLANTIC DECLARATION PROPOSAL

1. IN MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY PORTER MAY 17, ITALIAN AMBASSADOR ORTONA RAISED ATLANTIC DECLARATION PROPOSAL AND ASKED WHETHER WE HAVE ANY PREFERENCE ON HOW EUROPEANS RESPOND TO KISSINGER SPEECH INITIATIVE. AMBASSADOR PORTER SAID WE HAVE NO PARTICULAR PREFERENCE BETWEEN A GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE; OUR PURPOSE WAS TO ELICIT RESPONSE FROM EUROPEANS AND WE ARE FLEXIBLE ABOUT HOW THAT RESPONSE DEVELOPS. IN REPLY TO AMBASSADOR PORTER' S QUERY ON HOW EC COUNTRIES PREFER TO PROCEED, AMBASSADOR ORTONA, EMPHASIZING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING PERSONALLY, SAID HE FRANKLY COULD NOT
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PREDICT HOW EUROPE WILL MOVE BUT IS CONVINCED THAT EUROPEANS WILL MAKE MAJOR EFFORT TO DEVELOP RESPONSE. HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL IN EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE, BUT ANTICIPATES THAT FIRST SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION WILL TAKE PLACE AT JUNE 5 LUNCH MEETING OF EC FOREIGN MINISTERS.

2. ORTONA THEN OBSERVED THAT WHILE KISSINGER SPEECH HAD CREATED FLURRY OF EUROPEAN COMMENTARY, HE PERSONALLY FELT THAT REACTION WAS DISPROPORTIONATE TO CONTENT, WHICH REFLECTED LINKAGE U. S. HAD ALREADY BEEN MAKING BETWEEN TRADE, MONETARY AND SECURITY ISSUES. MAIN PURPOSE OF SPEECH HE FELT WAS TO SPUR SOME ACTION FROM EUROPEANS;

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